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July 31, 1997

Mr. Charles Auer
Director, Chemical Control Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: The Hydrogen Fluoride ECA Proposal

Dear Mr. Auer:

On behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association's Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) Panel and HF HAPs Group, I would like to thank you for EPA's June 26, 1997 response to the Enforceable Consent Agreement (ECA) proposal submitted on November 22, 1996.

Your June 26, 1997 letter requested a written response by July 31, 1997. The HF Panel and the HF HAPs Group appreciates the time that EPA put into preparing its response. However, in order to consider thoroughly points raised in EPA's letter and provide thoughtful response, we will need additional time beyond July 31. Since EPA has extended the comment period for the proposed HAPs test rule to September 30, 1997 (62 FR 378331, we request that the deadline for commenting on EPA's response to the HF ECA proposal also be extended to that date.

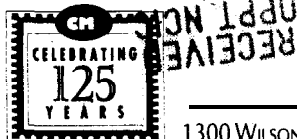
We would appreciate your immediate response to this request for an extension. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Festa Watson, Manager of the HF Panel and HF HAPs Group at (703) 741-5629.

Sincerely yours,

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